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To H.E. The Governor-General of India in Council

Address: A Govt. College for India

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His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir George Frederick Stanely, a member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor of Madras, and Lady Beatrix Stanely, C.B.E.

May it please Your Excellencies,

We, the President and members of the Udipi Taluk Board in the name of the people whom we represent on this occasion beg to welcome your Excellencies with inexpressible joy and unbounded gratitude to this town, which, on account of its various natural advantages promises to be a great centre of culture, learning, commerce and traffic, when its latent potentialities are developed along the right lines. To your Excellencies belongs undoubted by the credit of visiting this place, in spite of several inconveniences. in order to give its inhabitants an opportunity, which they seldom get, to represent their grievances to the head of this Presidency. While we thank you for this privilege we are not so vain as to think that we deserve this honour, still, you will permit us to assure your Excellencies that this graceful act of yours will be long remembered as an epoch making event in the histofy of Udipi. May we fondly hope that our unshakable loyalty, sincere welcome and gratitude will be an adequate return for your benevolent visit to this town?

2 We will not weary and worry your Excellencies with a catalogue of our woes and needs, many and urgent as they are.

they are. We will limit ourselves, for the present, to the two indispensable ones, to the exclusion of all others, and press these for your kind consideration with all the emphasis at our command, in the hope that you will be inclined to grant our petition of prayer.

3/ First and foremost then we need a railway. It is a long felt want which should have been satisfied long before this. We have been agitating for it for the past so many years, and though a preliminary survey was concluded some two years back, nothing has come out of it so far. The economic, social and commercial advantages of the rail are beyond all calculation as it will give birth to the encouragement of enterprise, multiplication of produce, discovery of hidden forces and the increase of national wealth. In these days when the swiftest means of communication by land, water and air are considered to be inadequate to satisfy the ever multiplying needs of a pregressive country, will it be too much on our part to ask for a railway?

4/ Our only other prayer is for a Government College for this town. Udipi is the centre of the Coondapoor Revenue Division, it being almost equi-distant from both Coondapoor and Karkal. It is admitted on all hands that there is a pressing need, ample scope, undisputed room and the necessary material for a College. The Modern Goverment has assumed duties other than dispensing justice and affording protection fn from its internal and external fores. Above everything it has taken upon itself the important duty of providing University Education in as many centres as possible, when there is a real need

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for such an institution. We appeal to your Excellencies as we have done to others before to consider this claim of ours for a Goverment College in a very sympathetic manner.

5/ Having represented our grievances it only remains for us to wish that your Excellency's nume may be indissolubly bound up on the one hand with Sir Macdonald Stephenson, Lord Hardinge, Lord Dalhousie and Lord Mayo who were mainly responsible for railways in India and on the other, with Lord Macaulay and Sir Charles Wood whose masterly advocacy of English and University Education for India has won for them the undying admiration and gratitude of the millions in India. We hope to realize both our ends referred to above before long through your Excellency's kind office, generosity and sympathy.

6/ Wishing your Excellencies a pleasant time here, and thanking you once again for the honour you have done us,

We beg to remain,
May it please Your Excellencies.
Your most obedient servants,
President and members of the
Taluk Board, Udipi.

Collector's notes on the Udipi Taluk Board address.

Opening of a Government College at Udipi.

The District Educational Officer states that there are two High Schools at Udipi, with a strength in the VI Form of 104 in the aggregate and that the number of pupils eligible for a University course last year was only 36. He is of opinion that a College at Udipi may not justify its existence, because the cost involved would be out of all proportion to the number likely to benefit thereby. The matter may be disposed of after consulting the Director of Public Instruction or the University.

There is St.Aloysius' College a First Grade College in Mangalore. There is also the Government College which teaches up to and including the Intermediate. There are hostels for Bunts, Billavars and Christians at Mangalore and Mangalore is 37 miles south of

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Udipi with ample communication by bus. The policy of Government is believed to be to carry on higher education through aided agencies.

Collector.

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Copy of letter from the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, dated 16th September 1930.

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I enclose four copies of an address to be presented by the Udipi Taluk Board during His Excellency's visit to the South Kanara District next month. The Collector's remarks will follow. Would you very kindly arrange to let me have notes on the points raised in the address so as to reach me by the end of this month?

L. S. G. (L&M) Dept

Your Notes — H. E. the Governm
Udipi Taluk Board addres-

pp 1-3 c.f. plants

A copy of the address with a copy of the D.C. from the P. S. G. may be sent to P W and Law (Education) Department with the request that Notes on para 4 may be sent by that department direct to P. S. G. before the 30th inst.

L. S. G. (L&M) Dept. BKN 17/9/30
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A note is submitted on the request in para 4 of the address (pp 2-3, c.f.)

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No change is made in the note with regard to the Collr's remarks since received from the P. S. G. (D. 4320c-7)

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Returned with thanks with an extract from His Excellency's reply to the address of the Taluk Board.

P. S. G. 4/10/1

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10-NOV-1930

Govt College in Udipi.

The case for a college at Udipi was placed before the Hon'ble the Minister for Education in the following words in an address of welcome presented to him ~~xx~~ by the Udipi Taluk Board in December 1928.---

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pp 1-2 of G.O. No. 2591 Edn 12-12-28

"We feel it our duty to bring to your notice a very important matter which though it does not come within our purview yet as representatives of this taluk and on behalf of the two neighbouring taluks of Coondapur and Karkal, we are forced to touch upon. You may know, Sir, that several students of our Revenue division go to Mangalore yearly for their college course and very many who are not in a position to go to that place on account of financial difficulties and paucity of seats in the two colleges there remain behind. Hence many a bright youth, who would otherwise have gone in for higher education, has to remain practically idle at home. May we therefore request you, Sir, to give us a second grade college at an early date?"

The question was not considered as there ~~were~~ are already three Arts colleges in the South Kanara dt.

(i) the Govt College, Mangalore (II grade)

(ii) the St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (I grade)

(iii) the St.Agnes College for women

(I grade)

2. The statement in para 4 of the address that the Govt: have taken upon themselves the duty of providing University education in as many centres as possible is not correct. The Govt: no doubt maintain a few colleges to serve as models; otherwise the accepted policy is to rely on private agencies for the expansion of higher education. A Govt: college for Udipi is out of the question.

pp 2-3 c.f.

3. Moreover the multiplication of colleges is a matter of University policy. The Commission of Inspection appointed by the Madras University in 192[illegible] has recorded as follows:-

"As the Commission is strongly in favour of the gradual concentration of the colleges at a few centres, it recommends that ordinarily no fresh affiliations be granted to institutions situated at places where there are no colleges at present. The existing colleges are sufficiently widely distributed over the area within the jurisdiction of the University and the policy to be pursued in the future should be one of concentration rather than of further dispersion."

para 109, p 31 of the report put up

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Your other request is that a Government college should be opened here. As no doubt you are aware, ~~the~~ my Government already spend a considerable proportion of ~~their~~ our available finances on the provision of education, but ~~they~~ we consider that for the present the most pressing need is the extension of elementary education. I would remind you that in this district there are already three arts colleges in Mangalore. This question of colleges is a matter of University policy and I think that the University of Madras are inclined to the opinion that it is better to concentrate colleges at a few centres rather than to have them spread over a large number of places. As regards your statement that it is an important duty of Government to provide University education in as many centres as possible I am afraid I cannot agree. No doubt my Government maintain some colleges but these are to serve as models and our policy is to rely on private agencies for the provision of further university education."

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Please see P. S. to's note on P. 2 ante & the extract of H. E.'s reply Purpose. I Darbar may see

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